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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Jerry Dias and his team and predecessors have been the architects of many plant closures and the loss of thousands of jobs in the auto industry because of inter alia their demands for excessive wages and benefits e.g

Budd Canada (Kitchener) use to have in excess of 3,000 employees and like many others it has been left to rubble ! Unifor has approximately 315,000 members across Canada raking in millions of dollars from union dues per month....yet they are calling on Governments at all levels to intervene and remedy the carnage they caused....how much of their undisclosed treasury of millions and millions of dollars are they going to pony up and return to the members/employees of Oshawa to help them (it is the members monies)?

Want job security DO NOT BELONG TO A UNION ! Governments need to address "The Right To Work"where employees can elect to belong or not belong to a Union or pay Union Dues....like Trudeau ...Dias blows a lot of bubbles both of their demeanors are ineffable ! There is no Corporate greed but the greed of others !

**Steve Nash
Guelph, Ontario**

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

The latest unusual news is the banning of dogs in Iran. The ban is based on the belief that they are 'najes' which means impure. This is not just a reflection on the purity of the breeding but of all dogs except perhaps guard dogs and sheep dogs. These two categories of dogs are useful and so they are tolerated but does that mean they are less impure? It's hard to see the logic in this decision

There is sense in managing the population of dogs, and cats, by sterilization so that they do not run wild everywhere but that is a problem everywhere in the world. Wild animals do cause problems to native animals and to farm animals but that is not the basis of this decision.

Banning dogs presents many difficulties, do we kill all the dogs we find, do we ban people from keeping pets, do people claim that all of their dogs are guard dogs and how can a humane solution be found?" & Chr\$(10) & Chr\$(13)The simpler solution would be to avoid dogs when you see them if you think they are offensive, just the same as with a number of people you may meet every day.

Let the dogs run free.
Regards,
**Dennis Fitzgerald
Melbourne, Australia**

Newspaper EDITORIALS ARE NOT restricted by Ontario's Human Rights Code

The Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario has ruled that newspaper editorials are not covered by Ontario's Human Rights Code. The Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC) intervened in this case, Whiteley v. Osprey Media Publishing Inc. and Sun Media Corporation before the Tribunal. The OHRC argued that section 13 of the Code does not restrict newspapers from printing opinions that some people may not like. The Tribunal agreed, saying "...publication of opinion in the media is a matter at the core of freedom of expression and freedom of the press in a democratic society".

"The Code is very clear," says OHRC Chief Commissioner Barbara Hall. "Freedom of expression of opinion is protected by the Code. It was important for us to intervene in this case to ensure that principle was upheld." The case, Whiteley v. Osprey Media Publishing Inc. and Sun Media Corporation, involved an allegation that an editorial in the newspaper, The County Weekly News was discriminatory against people who have moved to Prince Edward County from elsewhere. The applicant alleged discrimination on the basis of place of origin in the delivery of services.

The Tribunal found that the content of a newspaper editorial is not a 'service' within the meaning of section 1 of the Code, nor is it a "notice, sign, symbol, emblem or other similar representation" within the meaning of section 13 of the Code. Accordingly, the application was outside the Tribunal's jurisdiction and was dismissed.

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